

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the November 1, 2006 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.